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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Mendota – MS-13 Bust in Las Vegas Has Ties to Fresno**

(U) Authorities say the MS-13 bust in Las Vegas where five suspected gang members were arrested in connection to 10 alleged murders, has ties to Fresno County, California. MS-13 activity in Fresno County is unclear but "They have been connected to some violent crime and drug activity that's taken place in the city," said Mendota Police Chief Gregg Andreotti. MS-13 has been around for a few years and has spread throughout the city, according to Chief of Police Gregg Andreotti.

SOURCE: 28 March 2018, [Your Central Valley](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Foil Three Alleged Marijuana Smuggling Attempts**

(U) Laredo – Border Patrol agents with the Laredo Sector seized over 700 pounds of marijuana during three separate drug smuggling attempts. The three separate stops netted 307.34, 224.5, and 217 pounds of marijuana with a combined estimated street value of over \$300,000 USD. In two incidents arrests were made, but one of the incidents, only abandon marijuana was recovered.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [KGNS](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Four al-Qa'ida Terrorists Killed in US Strike in Yemen**

(U) Washington – The Pentagon said yesterday that a US military strike in Yemen killed four al-Qa'ida militants, the seventh such strike in the country this month. In a statement, the Pentagon said the strike against Yemen's al-Qa'ida branch, known as al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), was carried out near al-Bayda. "No civilians were present and therefore none were injured or killed as a result of the strike," the statement said.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Illinois – Californian Man Charged with Flying \$1.9M of Marijuana Into Illinois

(U) Chicago – California man accused of flying \$1.9 million worth of marijuana into Illinois in his own plane in February told police he lost his dispensary license in California and used pot proceeds to fund the aircraft, according to court records. Matthew S. Robinson, 35 is charged with felony cannabis trafficking and possession of cannabis with intent to deliver.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [Daily Herald](#)

(U) Maryland – Maryland Man Indicted On Human Smuggling of Illegals Into the United States

(U) Baltimore – A federal grand jury has indicted a Maryland man accused of smuggling illegal aliens into the United States. Martir Jandres was indicted on a charge of conspiracy to commit human smuggling. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. According to the indictment, Jandres worked with others in Central America, Mexico, and the US, to smuggle illegal immigrants in the country between

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October 2016 and February 2017. Jandres was caught after Homeland Security investigators posed as “load drivers” to transport the immigrants from border cities to counties around the US.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [CBS](#)

(U) Maryland – Under Armour Hit by Data Breach Affecting 150 Million Users

(U) Baltimore – Sports apparel merchant Under Armour has become the latest victim of a massive digital theft of sensitive information about tens of millions of customers. The Baltimore company disclosed yesterday that an intruder grabbed the email addresses and login information during a February break-in affecting about 150 million users of its food and nutrition website, MyFitnessPal. Under Armour says the hacker didn't obtain any payment information, Social Security numbers or driver's license numbers. Under Armour says it is requiring all MyFitnessPal users to change their passwords.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York – Operation Matador Nets 24 Arrests In Fight Against MS-13

(U) New York City – Special agents working under a joint law enforcement operation arrested 24 people yesterday in an effort to stop MS-13 and other criminal gangs operating in Long Island, New York City and the Hudson Valley. “Operation Matador” has mostly targeted MS-13 with 274 arrests, followed by the 18th Street gang with 15 arrests. 475 people have been arrested, with almost half of the total arrests coming from Nassau County. According to police, the arrests include an MS-13 member who claimed to have been 12-years-old when he first started killing a rival gang members in El Salvador before moving to Long Island and joining gang activities there.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [CBS](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Morocco – Moroccan Authorities Arrest Eight For Suspected ISIS Links**

(U) Rabat – Moroccan security forces yesterday arrested eight people suspected of belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), according to the Interior Ministry. In a statement, the ministry said that the suspects had been involved in “a terrorist plot aimed at undermining the kingdom’s security and stability”. “The terrorist cell, active in the cities of Wad Zem and Tangier, was broken up Thursday,” the statement read, going on to note that the cell’s eight members were aged between 21 and 31 years old. Last November, Interior Minister Abdelouafi Laftit said that some 1,700 Moroccan nationals were currently fighting in various conflict areas overseas, including 929 fighting for ISIS.

SOURCE: 29 March 2018, [World Bulletin](#)

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